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CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

PRFLIMINARY FOR DELIVERY THE WEEK OF 12-APR-2004

74.50

WEDNESDAY

RANGE MAJORITY WTD. AVG. LOADS

US GRADE A 69.75-81 71-74 73.29 28

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.:

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

74.32

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price

on ice packed parts:

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER WTD. AVG. VOLUME UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-04 (000 POUNDS) ITEM (CENTS PER POUND) **Current Week** Previous Week LINE RUN TENDERS 256.50 1,229 **BRO-FRY** 155,106 159.305 **BREASTS - B/S** 227.50 5,391 **BREASTS - WHOLE** 122.50 1,785 THIGH MEAT - B/S 111.50 996 34.50 LEG QUARTERS 7.557 WINGS 130.00 2,900

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries into the Chicago area were unchanged from last Monday's final. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Trade and offerings were limited with shortages continuing to be noted on small sized birds. Retail and food service ranged from light to good; best demand into fast food and restaurants. Floor stocks were well cleared to adequate. Weights mostly desirable. Trade activity was sporadic, but overall light on light to moderate offerings. The market tone was mixed on wings and breast items and steady to weak on dark meat lines.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US

GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) WEEK OF APRIL 09, 2004

	CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK		CURRENT	LAST	SAME WEEK
8-16 LB HENS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO	16-24 LB TOMS	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR AGO
EASTERN REGION	64.00	63.60	61.50**	EASTERN REGION	64.00	61.17	59.00**
CENTRAL REGION	64.30**	64.00	61.00**	CENTRAL REGION	63.10**	61.00	58.80**
WESTERN REGION	65.30**	66.00	61.50**	WESTERN REGION	63.20**	64.00	58.60**

^{**}BASED ON OFFERS

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER F	LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED						
WEEK ENDING 03-Apar-2004	(PRELIMINARY)			YOUNG	YOUNG		
YOUNG CHICK	ENS			HENS	TOMS		
THOUSANDS			THOUSANDS				
HEAD 152,052			HEAD	1,735	2,599		
AVG WT 5.19			AVG WT	15.42	36.69		
LAST WEEK 152,749			LAST WEEK	1,808	2,595		
SAME WK YR AGO 156,255			SAME WK YR AGO	1,638	2,810		
AVG WT 5.06			AVG WT	15.95	36.97		
TO-DATE/2004 1,994,439			TO-DATE/2004	22,087	32,223		
TO-DATE/2003 1,964,101			TO-DATE/2003	22,196	34,756		
FRESH PORK CUTS			FRESH BEEF CUTS				
FOB Negotiated	PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG	FOB Negotiated		PRICE RANGE	WTD AVG	
Loin			J				
1/8" Trm/less 21#DN-LGT	122.00	122.00	112A 3 Rib, ribeye,	bnls, heavy	680.00 700.00	687.79	
BNLS Strap-on 5-11#	155.00	155.00	168 3 Round, top	inside round	1 173.00 182.34	178.07	
Trimmed Butt			180 3 Loin, strip, b	onls, 0x1	690.00 735.17	697.41	
1/4" Trim Stk Rdy SPARERIB	89.00 - 91.00	90.14	Ground Beef 81%		111.17 131.00	122.56	
3BAG/3 PCVAC4.25#/DN-LGT	152.00	152.00					

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